

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 and 7-21 are pending in the present application. By this reply, claim 6 has been cancelled. Claims 1, 9, 11, 12 and 17 are independent.

The specification and claims have been amended to correct minor informalities including the informalities pointed out by the Examiner in objecting to the disclosure, and to clarify the invention according to U.S. practice. Also claim 5 has been amended to overcome 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, rejection. These modifications do not add new matter.

35 U.S.C. § 102(e) and § 103 Rejections

Claims 1-4, 6-10 and 12-16 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Goldschmidt et al. (U.S. Patent 6,594,825). Claims 5 and 11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Goldschmidt et al. Claims 17-21 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Goldschmidt et al. in view of Schneidewend et al. These rejections, insofar as they pertain to the presently pending claims, are respectfully traversed.

Regarding independent claims 1, 9, 11-12, and 17, Goldschmidt et al. is directed to receiving a selection of an entertainment program; searching through an electronic program guide to identify *alternate versions* of the selected entertainment program (which start within a user specified period of time of the selected entertainment program); identifying, for each of the identified alternate versions, a set of descriptive information regarding the version, the set of descriptive information includes duration of the version, type of audio support for the version, etc.; and

choosing one of the versions for display based on a current user's preference. Thus, Goldschmidt et al. involves displaying different versions of a program, whereas Applicant's embodied invention involves locating a broadcasting program identical to a currently selected/viewed program among multiplex broadcasting media. Thus, Goldschmidt et al. lacks the feature of searching an "identical broadcasting program" (or similarly recited) recited in each of these independent claims.

Moreover, Goldschmidt et al. does not teach or suggest the feature of "displaying channel information related to the searched identical broadcasting program when the identical broadcasting program is searched from the multiplex broadcasting media" as recited in independent claim 1. Other independent claims recite similar features. Rather, Goldschmidt et al. discloses displaying the chosen version of the entertainment program.

Furthermore, Schneidewend et al. does not overcome these deficiencies of Goldschmidt et al. since Schneidewend et al. is merely directed to an apparatus for receiving video program data and an on-screen display interface system for enabling navigation through user selected favorite multimedia services.

Thus, Goldschmidt et al. and Schneidewend et al., taken either singularly or in combination, clearly do not teach or suggest the invention as recited in independent claims 1, 9, 11-12, and 17 and their dependent claims (due to the dependency). Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections based on these reasons are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

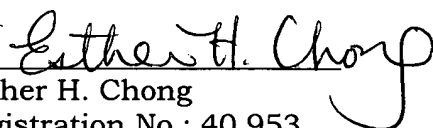
For the foregoing reasons and in view of the above clarifying amendments, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw all of the objections and rejections of record, and to provide an early issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters which need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Esther H. Chong (Registration No. 40,953) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and further replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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